

The rice crop around Georgetown looks well.

Strawberries still sell at five cents a basket in Charleston.

A new post office has been established at Batesburg, Edgfield county.

Watermelons sold in Charleston on Monday from 40 cents to \$1.25 a piece.

Mr. Solicitor Fleming received \$367 for six days' labor at the last session of the sessions court of Laurensville.

Mr. Joseph Crafton, an old and highly esteemed citizen of Edgfield county, died there on the 30th ultimo.

A respectable wife of Williamsburg county presented her husband, a short time since, with four babies at a birth.

A tenement house on the farm of Mr. Robert Kennington, three miles from Lancaster, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday evening last.

The Carolina light infantry, a crack colored organization of Charleston, are preparing to celebrate 'Moultrie day.'

A negro child was killed on last Wednesday morning at Rock Hill by a dose of morphine administered to it for colic by the mother.

The storehouse of Col. W. P. Finley, of Aiken, was entered by burglars on Friday night of last week and robbed of a large quantity of provisions.

A gentleman in Marion county had a colored man in his employment who chopped out twelve acres of cotton for him in three days, being an average of four acres a day.

The post office heretofore known as Kinardville, near Midway, in Barnwell county, has been discontinued, and an office established at Folk's store, in Colleton county, with Mr. J. J. Folk postmaster.

Mr. T. J. Wilson, formerly of Pickens county was instantly killed on the 26th ult., at the falls on Little river, in Oconee county, by the falling of an arch of a new bridge which he was assisting in raising.

Orr, of Due West, was observed hoeing corn one day last week, much to the surprise of that community and value of an unpolished diamond and there is hope for Orr.

The grand jury of Clarendon county have presented the county commissioners for paying medical bills for persons who are not paupers, and do not come under the classification of 'indigent,' and also for paying money for work not done.

HALF FARE.—Round trip tickets will be sold by the Greenville and Columbia railroad to all parties wishing to attend the college commencements at Williamston and Wallhalla. The tickets to Williamston will be good from the 15th to the 20th; and to Wallhalla from the 18th until the 26th instants.

Mr. George Livera Walker, attorney at law, of Charleston, was arrested on Thursday last on the charge of perjury. The warrant was issued by Trial Justice Artson, and based upon the affidavit of a colored man, named Elias J. Webb, a hostler, formerly in Mr. Walker's employ. The case was transferred to the court of general sessions.

The Georgetown Comet, of the 4th inst., says: 'Every bush and tree on Sanpit has been rendered leafless by the ravages of the caterpillar. There are myriads in the woods. They get in the boxes on the turpentine farms, and in every three bushels of crude stuff there is one bushel of caterpillars. The first class virgin has to be sold for No. 2 rosin, and the spirits are rendered offensive to the olfactories. The caterpillars are small and of a greyish color.'

THE CROPS.—Favorable reports from nearly every section of the county reach us of promising crop prospects. The late rains have done much good and will make the corn and cotton grow, although they will not be especially beneficial to grain. In the neighborhood of Ninety-Six the oat crop is represented to be unusually fine, the acreage much larger than of late years and the quality heavy and good. It is estimated that the oat lands in that section will yield more plentifully than for years. Our people are learning wisdom after having passed through the crucible of credit and 'we may be happy yet.' *Abbeville Medium.*

PARDONED.—Governor Chamberlain has pardoned George Moore convicted before Judge Cooke at our last term of the Abbeville court of general sessions of burglary and larceny, and sentenced to ten years' confinement in the state penitentiary. The only evidence against the prisoner was the confessions of three other parties to the crime. The petition was signed by the leading citizens of Abbeville, and strongly recommended by solicitor and judge, on the ground the of insufficiency of evidence.

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The New Court House.

The contractor, Mr. J. H. Livingston, has gone to work. He is determined to make all the material necessary for its construction at home. He has purchased we learn ground for a brick yard, he has employed an expert in brick making, and he starts immediately. This expert says he can make as good brick here, as can be produced in any section of this country. Mr. Livingston's saw mills on the Edisto will produce all the timber and lumber necessary, while the mechanical work will give employment to laborers born and raised here. Plenty of whom can be found fully competent to do the work.

Mr. Livingston is our present County Treasurer, and we don't overstep the mark when we assert that he is one amongst the best in the State. A young man of herculean energies and unsurpassed business abilities, he will give this County a Court House second to none in the State, taking the cost of its construction into consideration. We have been a long time without a Court House whilst hundreds of dollars have been paid out for rent, &c. This inconvenience has necessarily lowered the dignity of our Courts. Bench and Bar alike have felt the want of a good and comfortable Court Room, and with none is the hope more pregnant of the early completion of the Orangeburg Court House.

We predict, (if the work can be done by any man) in twelve months, its completion. Of course, to do this, the contractor will have to advance a considerable amount of the cost from his own private funds, in anticipation of the tax levied and to be levied for the purpose. This the present contractor is able and willing to do, and the work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. It behooves our good citizens to aid Mr. Livingston in every way they can in its construction and early completion, as it will not only be a want filled long desired, but an ornament to our town and add one hundred per cent to the value of the property in its neighborhood. A word in regard to its front we don't think will be amiss right here. We learn some of our citizens want it to front west. We think, with all due deference be it said, that this shows a want of taste. The old Court House fronted that way, but why? At that time, the Town proper was west of the Court House Square, and the building was constructed on its eastern suburbs. Now, what was then the outskirts of the town has become the town proper, and is rapidly growing, and going West. Then, again a south front, is always desirable in the construction of any building. To front the Court House south, it will front direct on Russell Street proper, and face the fine brick edifice of the Orangeburg Baptist church.

We hope those who have the successful say-so in the matter, will agree with us, and front the new building south.

Pic-Nics and Snakes.

This is just the kind of weather for pic-nic parties, and our young friends are taking advantage of it. Several parties left town yesterday, some more leave to-day for the suburbs, where mirth and hilarity will be in order. We caution our young friends, however, to look out for snakes. They abound. They are out, too, in fine weather. We saw a young lady standing in two feet of a huge moccasin the other day and he coiled up ready to make a fatal strike if interfered with. A pistol bullet from one of the company demoralized his ideas, and he was hung up on a pole as a prayer for rain. Carrying out the old superstition that if you kill a snake and hang it clear of the ground it will rain in that neighborhood in

twelve hours. Kill all the snakes you can pic-nickers and hang them up. We need rain very much now. We have heard it said that every creeping thing is good for something. We were at a loss to know what good there was in a vile reptile, until the above knowledge was imparted to us by a believing friend in whom we have much faith. We shall hang up every snake we catch hereafter, especially in dry weather. What a deluge there would have been in old Ireland if St. Patrick instead of banishing the snakes from there, had hung them all. We did not intend, however, to write so much about snakes, but as long as we are on the subject we might as well mention the fact that Judge Knowlton killed one in his yard the other day at least five feet long, and Mrs. Tucker killed a large ground rattler close to her front door steps where her little children had been playing for an hour or two. We are the deadly enemies of all kinds of snakes, whether they crawl on their bellies in strict accordance with the command of our Creator, or rise to a perpendicular position and try to perform their original role. This latter kind, we think, are called "snakes in the grass."

The Burning of Mr. Shirer's House.

We deeply sympathize with our townsman, Mr. G. S. Shirer, in the loss of his fine dwelling by fire. With a great deal of labor and taste, and a large outlay of funds, Mr. Shirer had succeeded in erecting near completion a structure unsurpassed for comfort and convenience, and anticipated in a couple of weeks of moving his family into it. We are glad to know that by a providential act of insurance he will not meet with an entire loss of his outlay. But there is nothing that can pay him for the inconvenience and discomfort which the loss of his dwelling necessitates. The fire was, without a doubt, the act of an incendiary. Mr. S. informs us that he is at a perfect loss as to who is the perpetrator of this heinous deed, as he don't think he has an enemy in the world. There are many vagabonds strolling about here who ought to be taken up and their business ascertained, and a rigid investigation had as to how they got their support. These loafers sleep in the woods, and unfish the lines. The careless use of the pipe, or the thrown away stump of a cigar would cause immense loss to our citizens. It behooves them, then to be on the watch, and if they see such characters loafing about their premises, find out what their business may be promptly.

School Claims.

The State is due this county over eight thousand dollars school money. If this fund was in the hands of our Treasurer he could pay every dollar of the past indebtedness, and have some left. This money was misapplied by a former State Treasurer and the holders of old school claims here suffer in consequence. We suppose, in time, this money will be paid us by the State. The most of these old claims are held now by a few, who have bought them up for about fifty cents on the dollar, and however hard it may have been on the original holder the present holder can wait and not be the loser. We give this as a crum of comfort. Of course a tax will be levied to meet these deficiencies, but in our opinion it will be some time before such a levy will be made. It is no fault of the present State Treasurer, that we know of, that the money has not been paid us. He found the deficiency staring him in the face when he took charge of his office, at that time over twelve thousand dollars. He paid four thousand dollars of it, and a tax for the balance has never as yet been levied.

The Blackville Sun.

A copy of the first issue of the above named Journal reached our Sanctum yesterday. This does not do credit altogether to the artisan ability of our friend Hall, but under the circumstances, is as much as could be expected. In the hurry of getting a mess of pie into digestible shape and the ambitious desire to be out as early as possible, the Sun did not wait for all the clouds to disappear. We hope next week to see her shine out bright and clear.

The editorial and local columns show the versatile pen of our old associate. May he prove more successful than Phaeton, (Myth.) and find no Jupiter in the guise of a Blackvillain.

Rumors of War.

Rumors of war in Europe have been coming across the Atlantic with more than usual frequency during the past two weeks. First came the troubles between Germany and Belgium; and scarcely had the alarm thus occasioned, subsided, when the visit of the Czar to Berlin seemed to afford fresh cause for apprehension. Matters which under other circumstances could scarcely have attracted public interest at all, are now twisted by the fertile brains of newspaper correspondents and the nervous excitement of public opinion, into the most certain prognostics of wars and desolations. There can be little doubt, indeed, that sooner or later, war will take place between the two great military powers of Europe; that there will be a desperate contest, as to whether France or Germany is to be the despot of the continent. At the same time it should be remembered, that the other great nations are determined, for the present, at least, to prevent the outbreak, and stave off so great a calamity. While this spirit is in the ascendant it is the utmost folly, as well as inconsistent with moral rectitude, to dish up sensations out of every word, or action of Bismarck, and to interpret the vague threats of talkative Frenchmen, as the fiery breath of revenge that only blood can quench.

THE BUSINESS OF THE WORLD.—It is poor consolation in adversity to know that we are not alone in our misery, such as it is, however, our iron manufacturers may take it to themselves. The depression of the iron trade is general throughout the world. The production of pig-iron in Scotland was less in 1874 than in any of the last twenty years. At one time there were only thirty-two furnaces blowing, out of 132 erected, and the production, 400,000 tons less than in 1870. Russia, notwithstanding its activity in railroad building imported only 5,221,000 pounds of rails, against 7,119,000 in 1873. In Prussia the large steel works of Krupp has discharged some thousand workmen, and the Borsig manufactory of engines at Berlin—the most extensive in Germany—has had to protect itself by taking a similar step. Last month the largest Austrian manufactory of engines, the Sigl, dispensed with 2,000 hands, for the reason that it had neither orders nor sufficient working capital. The Government, however, in true Austrian fashion, remedied both misfortunes by advancing capital to the works, and by causing some of the railroads to give extensive orders for rolling stock.

FOOD FOR LEAN WOMEN.—If any one wishes to grow fleshy, a pint of milk taken before retiring at night will cover the scrawniest bones. Although nowadays we see a great many fleshy females, yet there are many lean and lank ones who sigh for the fashionable measures of plumpness, and who would be vastly improved in health and appearance could their figure be rounded with good solid flesh. Nothing is more coveted by thin women than a full figure, and nothing else will so rouse the ire and provoke the scandal of one of the "clipper-builds" as the consciousness of plumpness in a rival. In cases of fever and summer complaint milk is now given with excellent results. This idea that milk is "feverish" has exploded, and it is now the physician's great reliance in bringing through typhoid patients, or those in too low a state to be nourished by solid food. It is a great mistake to crimp the milk pitcher. Take more milk and buy less meat. Look to your milkmen, have large-sized, well-filled milk pitchers on the table each meal, and you will also have sound flesh and light doctors' bills.

On a visit to Gen. M. W. Gary, is his brother, Dr. Tom. Gary, of Ocala, Florida. Dr. Gary has lived in Florida for seventeen years past, during which time he has not seen the brother whom he now visits. He is a physician of great skill and prominence—and is Mayor of Ocala. Dr. Gary is eminently bright and genial, so much so that even in the course of his short sojourn among us, troops of friends have sprung up around him.—*Edgfield Advertiser.*

Eleven wagons, heavily loaded with the County records, have arrived in Blackville from Barnwell. The records are now in the Blackville Court House, the titles to which have been reinvested in the people. There is great rejoicing.

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